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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 2
ATTN: Research Coordinators/Science Officers
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From: Acting Regional Chief Biologist, Central Region

Subject: Fiscal Year 2006 Quick Response Funding

Through the Quick Response Program, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Biological Resources Division (BRD) provides funds to its scientists to respond quickly to immediate, current year needs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). We plan to continue our commitment to meeting these short-term research and technical assistance needs in FY 2006. The purpose of this memorandum is to solicit requests for Quick Response research projects from your Region.

For FY 2006, the USGS Central Region has planned a total allocation of \$150,000 to administer the Quick Response Program for USFWS Regions 2, 3, and 6. Each Region may submit one or more Quick Response requests, not to exceed \$50,000 total per Region.

Please limit your proposals to a minimum of \$10,000 per project. Proposals should be sent to the Central Regional Office by September 1, 2005. If your Region has a Quick Response research need that is shared with another USFWS Region, you may coordinate your response to leverage/increase the total funding allocated to address that need.

Please include the following information for each Quick Response request:

- A brief (two page maximum) of the problem to be addressed, the significance and priority of the issue, and background information including the scientific or technical issues that underlie the proposed issue, and value of the anticipated results.
- A description of the desired products (e.g., written report, scientific publication, technical assistance, workshop, software, data, metadata, etc.) and the intended user (refuge/hatchery manager, migratory bird coordinator, etc.) of the products.

- The name, address (including e-mail), and telephone number of a contact person or office.
- An estimate of the total Quick Response funds (and matching USFWS or other funds, if any) required for conducting the research.
- An estimate of the time required to complete the project.
- The BRD Science Center or Coop Unit you recommend conducting the research.

Upon receipt of your Quick Response requests, the appropriate BRD Science Centers or Coop Units will prepare complete research proposals for review by the BRD Central Regional Office. Copies of proposals will also be provided for your review and comment. Centers/Units will revise these proposals as necessary prior to initiating work.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jan Coffelt at 303-236-2730, ext. 264; fax 303-236-2733; or e-mail jcoffelt@usgs.gov.